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Ex Parte

Ms. Marlene H. Dortch
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
Portals II, Room TW-A325
Washington, DC 20554

Re: Jurisdictional Separations and Referral to the Federal-State Joint Board,
CC Docket No. 80-286

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On December 14, 2005, on behalf of Verizon, Ms. Pamela Porell, Vice President, Verizon Vermont, spoke by telephone with Board Member John Burke of the Vermont Public Service Board. Mr. Burke is also a member of the Federal-State Joint Board on Jurisdictional Separations. Ms. Porell and Mr. Burke spoke about the above-referenced proceeding. Verizon proposed that the FCC should adopt a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, addressing jurisdictional separations reform, and should at the same time adopt a contingent, interim extension of the current separations freeze, consistent with and as more fully set forth in the white paper that was filed with the Commission on December 13, 2005. Separately, Ms. Porell sent by e-mail an electronic version of the white paper to Mr. Burke. A copy of the white paper is attached.

In accordance with section 1.1206(b)(2) of the Commission's rules, this letter is being filed electronically with your office. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kathleen Grillo".

cc: John Burke
Pamela Porell